

29 November 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT : Lt. Colonel Shockley's Critique of the Collection
of Intelligence on the ARVN

1. On Friday, 28 November, [] learned that the House Select Committee staff was in possession of a memorandum criticizing intelligence activities in Vietnam written by a gentleman named Shockley. There was also some suggestion that Mr. Shockley might be one of the witnesses called by the Committee for questioning after it heard General Graham at the 3 December session. Precisely who Shockley was or what he was now doing was not clear but the word we received was that he had been with the DAO's office in Saigon and was now working in the Pentagon. Linda, ever efficient, knew Shockley and gave me his telephone and room numbers, from which it was clear that he worked somewhere in Al Hall's empire. STAT

2. A telephone chat with Tom Latimer verified that Shockley worked for Al Hall. I then called Hall, explained the situation, and asked if he had any objections to my talking with Shockley and, if possible, getting a copy of the document in question. He did not. I called Shockley himself soon thereafter and had an amiable telephone conversation with him, during the course of which he explained his position in the DAO and readily agreed to send me a copy of his memorandum. He also explained that the memo was a personal statement he had written after his return from Vietnam last spring and forwarded it through channels to the Secretary of Defense, though he was not aware whether the Secretary had ever actually received it. He wryly noted that the first two generals he showed it to had promptly classified it. He also explained how it had come to the attention of the House: two House investigators came to see him some weeks ago and when he asked for instructions, he was told to tell and show them everything -- so he did.

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3. A copy of the memo is attached. It is not likely to cause us any trouble, but it is a fascinating document of considerable intrinsic interest and importance. It points up a problem that was particularly acute in Vietnam but occurs world-wide, especially in areas where there is a close relationship between a US advisory establishment and the local government's armed services. It is a piece of paper I commend to your perusal and believe will be of interest to the other recipients of this memorandum.



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